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Damage by deer are quite an important item in Vermont's expense account. Three of the counties have paid damages during the year, as follows: Windsor, \$1,431.78; Bennington, \$1,094.92; Windham, \$873.38. In the other counties, the damages run from \$6 to \$300.50. These damages are paid under a law which grants redress for loss of crops, fruit trees or shrubbery, notice of claims being required within ten days of the time when the loss was alleged to have been sustained. The determination of the amount is left to the selectmen and the game warden.

According to the final estimate of the gold and silver output of 1908 by the Director of the Mint, the total was \$441,922,000, compared with \$410,555,300 in 1907 and \$601,973,300 in 1906. Since 1900 the expansion in gold output has been \$137,000,000 and since 1900 it has nearly quadrupled. Silver production in 1908 had a commercial value of \$108,684,400, against \$122,109,700 the year previous. In the last few months, the price of silver has risen over 2 cents per ounce, and the revival of business now spreading through the world will doubtless increase the demand for coinage purposes, while the prosperity of the silver-using countries of the Far East will increase the use of the white metal. This country produces 30 per cent. of the total yield of the world.

It is to the increased gold production that the prevalent high prices of commodities are attributed by some economists, but to the average mind this explanation seems decidedly insufficient. An increase of some \$130,000,000 in gold production during 1908 cannot possibly be expected to cover the general and heavy advance in the prices of commodities. There are other reasons, and conspicuous among them is the rapacity of the tariff-bred and tariff-fostered trusts.

The January American Magazine publishes a lecture delivered in Paris by Henry Van Dyke, in which he discusses the tariff question at some length and from which the following is taken:

No one, outside of academic circles, would claim that the tariff is a simple, unimportant, and immediate free-trade. But a great many people, probably the majority of the Democratic party, and a considerable number in the Republican party, say today that many of the protective features of the tariff have not only nourished weak industries but have also created a strong, strong ones, and that their continuance creates special privileges in the commercial world, raises the cost of the necessities of life to the people, tends to the promotion of gigantic trusts and monopolies, and encourages over-production with all its attendant evils enhanced by an artificially sustained market. They ask why a ton of American steel rail should cost twenty-six or twenty-seven dollars here and only twenty dollars in the Copenhagen pays for the same article. They say that a heavy burden has been laid upon the common people by a system of indirect taxation which for a special purpose, and maintained long after that purpose has been fulfilled. They claim that for every dollar which this system yields to the national revenue it adds four or five dollars to the profits of the trusts.

The case of the tariff reformers as against the high tariff men could not easily be given more clearly. Details could be given more freely, but Mr. Van Dyke's illustrations are applicable to most of the highly protected articles. The people are paying an immense and in many cases, wholly unneeded tribute to the producers who consequently accumulate great fortunes at the expense of the consumers. To the policy which brings such results, the dominant party is fully committed, though there are indications that its progressive or "insurgent" element may eventually force a change.

Attorney General Holcomb has given an opinion to Factory Inspector McLean in regard to the hours of employment of minors and women in which he says that in his opinion the new law does not apply to those women or minors engaged in clerical work. In his opinion he says:

Section 3 makes restrictions as to employment of minors under 16 years and women in laboring in any mercantile establishment.

The language used in each section is "employed in laboring in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment" or "in any mercantile establishment." It is well known that the physically exhausting character of labor in operating machines and machinery in manufacturing and mechanical establishments, and in stores where the operators and employees are constantly on their feet, is what caused the enactments of statutes of this nature. There is no such demand for legislation concerning the restriction of labor in that class of business where the labor is all of a clerical nature, and where the worker is not required to be constantly on his feet. The statute doesn't attempt to include all those employed by any corporation, firm or individual in carrying on any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, but it is limited to those employed "in laboring in" such establishments, and the provisions of

GLADYS EMERY AOKI HAS TIRED OF HER JAPANESE HUSBAND



Gladys Emery, daughter of Archdeacon John Emery of San Francisco, whose marriage to a Japanese servant named Gintaro Aoki caused comment all over the world last March, has left her husband and is thoroughly disillusioned. The couple have been living in the suburbs of Seattle and were practically in want when the young woman wrote to her father begging to be allowed to return home and bring her child with her. Mrs. Aoki

said statute relating thereto lead me to the conclusion that the General Assembly had in mind and that the act only pertains to those who labor in manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile departments of such establishments, and has no reference to the employees in the clerical work incident to such establishments. The clerical force in such establishments would frequently not be 1 per cent. of the employees, while in many industries all of the employees are engaged in clerical work, and whose employment is not restricted or regulated by any statute.

Of course the question of the application of this statute is one for the courts to determine, but so far as it is proper for me to advise you with reference to that carried on in manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishments.

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"MR. DOOLEY" ON THE COST OF LIVING.

F. P. Dunne contributes Mr. Dooley's opinions on the "Cost of Living" to the January American Magazine. The following is part of Mr. Dooley's reflections:

"An' so it goes. I complain iv th' rent me landlord acts me an' some times I accuse, as Hogan says, to his request. Me landlord complains iv th' way th' plumber overcharges him. Th' plumber says he can't do nothin' but make a livin' on account iv th' rapidly iv th' plumber's union. Th' most prominent, distinguished an' wealthy member iv th' plumber's union borrows two dollars from me yesterday because he couldn't pay his bills out iv th' vast hoards that he'd wrunged from his boss fr' mendin' waste pipes.

"An' th' strange thing about it is that it's always been thus in my recollection an' I can remember almost as far back as to think iv meself holterin' 'most to ye when we were buildin' th' pyramids. Ye'll say th' cost iv livin' was never higher fr' ye an' ye're right. Ye say it never was so high an' ye're wrong. It's always been th' same fr' ye an' th' likes iv ye. I never know th' day when ye weren't about th' same number iv jumps behind in th' race with th' price iv eggs. When ye're not wurrukin' eggs is down. When ye ar-re wurrukin' they're up. There's just that much added to what it costs ivrybody to live."

"But what am I goin' to do about it?" said Mr. Hennessy.

"Some political economists are in favor iv ye're not eatin'," said Mr. Dooley. "I wud say stop wurrukin' if it gives ye such an' appetite."

Tlaxiaco, Mexico, is nine miles from a railroad or any continuous highway on which wheeled vehicles can be used, yet it boasts a population of 8,000 and an up-to-date electric plant.

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said that since the birth of the baby her husband had been lazy and shiftless and neglected her in every way. Dr. Emery went to her aid. When Miss Emery and her mother left Corte Madera, where they lived, to go to Washington, where the State law would permit the marriage, they were followed by a hooting mob. Miss Emery had issued a statement declaring her love for the Japanese boy, and she was promptly ostracized.

DECIDED ON SUICIDE

PRISONER IN WRECKED SEYMOUR CAR NEARLY ENDED LIFE BEFORE RESCUE.

Among the passengers who were caught in the trolley car which went down the embankment at Seymour Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Madison of Beacon Falls and Miss Alvida Peterson of 415 West Main street, Waterbury. Both Mrs. Madison and Miss Peterson were in a serious condition and could not tell about their story as it was feared it would affect them too much. Mr. Madison in telling of his experience states that when the car plunged down the bank he and his wife with Miss Peterson were standing near the front of the car. They were quickly submerged in water and for a short time he thought there was no escape. Feeling this and fearing a slow death he determined to commit suicide and tried to end his life by swallowing water in big mouthfuls. "This gave him a terrible sensation but just before he succeeded in finding death he saw a chance to escape and the three managed to save themselves by use of the straps hanging along the side of the car. Besides these three, two foreigners were the only other occupants of the car."

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." F. B. Brill and Curtis Pharmacy, local agents.

Boy Shot in Breast With a Toy Pistol

West Mystic, Dec. 29.—Willis Bradshaw, thirteen years old, son of Mrs. Bradshaw, was shot yesterday while playing with a toy pistol. The weapon was loaded and young Bradshaw got possession of it without his mother's knowledge. She heard the shot and found the boy wounded. L. H. Allyn was called and found that the bullet, .32 calibre, had entered the left breast, passed through the lung and lodged near the left shoulder blade. The outcome of the accident is doubtful.

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A LIFE-SAVING AWE.

Considering the many lives lost every year by breaking through or still often skating into holes in the ice, a simple and very practical means of saving one's self from drowning, described with illustration in the January number of Popular Mechanics, should be of interest to skaters everywhere.

It depends on the use of a life-saving awe, and the method of rescuing one's self is about as follows:

1. As soon as you break through the ice, extend the arms. Don't get excited!
2. Swim to the edge of the ice from whence you came. Rest one hand on the ice. Gently tread water. Take the awe in the other hand and remove the cork from the point with the teeth. Reach over on the ice as far as possible and plant the point firmly in the surface.
3. By drawing in the arm you can now easily bring the hips on to the ice. Stand up, put the cork back on the point of the awe and skate off.

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BETTER LABOR LAWS NEEDED

PROF. FAIRNAM OF YALE, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, DELIVERS ADDRESS.

New York, Dec. 28.—Prof. Henry W. Fairnam, of Yale University, president of the American Association for Labor Legislation, delivered an address at the annual meeting of the association on "Labor Legislation and Economic Progress."

The speaker showed that almost all progress in economic processes involves some incidental evils which of course have to be corrected by laws. The five elements which are characteristic of a dynamic society as enumerated by Prof. J. B. Clark are: An increase in capital, an increase in population, changes in the methods of production, changes in the methods of organizations, changes in consumers' wants. A study of each of these elements with reference to labor problems shows that every one of them has created conditions which require some form of labor legislation. Labor legislation must thus be regarded as a necessary incident of economic progress. Without it, it is impossible to prevent some injury to the human beings for whose sake economic progress exists, and on whose efficiency its continuance depends.

This conception of labor legislation if it could be generally entertained and lived up to, would lead to important practical results.

1. Labor legislation would be less in quantity and better in quality.
2. It would, on the whole, be more prompt.
3. It would be more uniform.
4. It would be less frequently the expression of class feeling as many bills which at first appear to be drawn for certain classes are in reality for the benefit of the race as a whole.
5. It would be more consistent, because, in adapting it to changes in economic conditions, we should be forced to think more of our economic ideals. The economic ideal of the United States is concisely expressed in the preamble of the federal constitution, which states that one of its purposes is to secure "the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." This means a liberty so regulated as to bring blessings both for present and future generations. It means that the very prohibitions of labor legislation are made in the interests of real liberty, just as the traffic regulations of a great city while occasionally restraining an individual driver, in the end, secure a freer circulation of the traffic as a whole.

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